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SUBJECT: POLISH PRESS REACTION TO OAS VOTE ON CUBA

1. THE POLISH PRESS, WHICH HAD PREPARED ITS READERSHIP FOR THE LIKELIHOOD OF REMOVAL OF OAS SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA, REACTED WITH PREDICTABLE OUTRAGE AT THE ACTUAL RESULT OF THE VOTING. IT WAS TERMED "AN ECHO OF THE COLD WAR" BY TRYBUNA LUDU, AND A PROVINCIAL NEWSPAPER'S HEADLINE CHARGED THAT "DETENTE HAS NOT REACHED SOUTH AMERICA." THERE WERE ALSO SUGGESTIONS OF U.S. ARM-TWISTING. NOTING THE CLOSENESS OF THE VOTE AND THE NUMBER OF ABSTENTIONS, TRYBUNA LUDU ON NOVEMBER 13 CONCLUDED THAT THE OAS DECISION IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF POPULAR WILL IN LATIN AMERICA AND PREDICTED THAT THE MOVEMENT TO END CUBA'S ISOLATION WILL CONTINUE.

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2. COMMENT: THE POLES APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SURPRISED BY THE

RESULT. THEIR PRESS REACTION ACCORDS WITH POLAND'S STRONG COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT OF CUBA. HOWEVER, IT INVOKES DETENTE IN UNUSUALLY STRIDENT TERMS, GIVEN THE GENERALLY ROSY OUT-LOOK EXPRESSED BY THE PRESS IN RECENT MONTHS. THE OAS VOTE IS LIKELY TO SERVE THE PROPAGANDISTS AS FURTHER PROOF THAT DETENTE IS NOT YET IRREVERSIBLE AND THAT CONTINUED COMMUNIST VIGILANCE AND SOLIDARITY IS NECESSARY TO MAKE IT SO. MORE-OVER, AS IN THE CASE OF ALLENDE'S CHILE, STRONG ADVOCACY OF CASTO'S CUBA PROVIDES THE GOP WITH A CONVENIENT CAUSE FOR ITS SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM WITHOUT JEOPARDIZ-ING ANY OF ITS OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS IN EUROPE AND ITS RELATIONS WITH THE WEST.
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